

Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently mended) A system for providing data in a multiple dwelling facility, the system comprising:
 - a headend unit that receives a data stream that comprises a plurality of programs; and
 - a multiple dwelling unit network that is adapted to receive at least a portion of the data stream from the headend unit and provide at least a subset of the plurality of programs to individual users in the multiple dwelling facility;

wherein the headend unit is adapted to offer at least one of the plurality of programs to individual users in the multiple dwelling facility either at a first price set by the program provider or at a second price set by the headend unit.
2. (canceled)
3. (previously presented) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the multiple dwelling unit network comprises a switch that distributes the at least a subset of the plurality of programs to users in individual dwelling units within the multiple dwelling facility.
4. (previously presented) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the multiple dwelling unit network comprises a set top box in each of the individual dwelling units within the multiple dwelling facility, each of the set top boxes being adapted to block a specific program or permit access to the specific program depending on whether a user has met at least one predetermined condition.
5. (previously presented) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of programs comprises a premium video channel.

6. (previously presented) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of programs comprises a pay per view video program.
7. (previously presented) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the headend unit is configured to interface with a billing system that is configured to create a billing record for each of a plurality of users in the multiple dwelling facility.
8. (currently amended) A method for providing access to data to individual users within a multiple dwelling facility, comprising the acts of:
 - receiving a data stream that comprises a plurality of programs;
 - distributing at least a portion of the data stream to a multiple dwelling unit network;
 - and
 - providing access to a specific one of the plurality of programs to each of a plurality of individual users within the multiple dwelling facility via the multiple dwelling unit network depending on whether each of the plurality of individual users has met at least one predetermined condition, wherein the specific one of the plurality of programs is provided either at a first price set by the program provider or at a second price set by a headend unit.
9. (original) The method set forth in claim 8, comprising the act of providing a pay per view video program as at least one of the plurality of programs.
10. (original) The method set forth in claim 8, comprising the act of providing a premium video channel as at least one of the plurality of programs.
11. (original) The method set forth in claim 8, wherein the at least one predetermined condition comprises selecting at least one of the plurality of programs for display using an on-screen programming guide.

12. (original) The method set forth in claim 8, comprising the act of blocking access by at least one of the plurality of individual users to the specific one of the plurality of programs until the at least one of the predetermined users has met the at least one predetermined condition.

13. (original) The method set forth in claim 8, comprising the act of providing an on screen display in place of at least one of the plurality of programs.

14. (currently amended) A system for providing data in a multiple dwelling facility, the system comprising:

means for receiving a data stream that comprises a plurality of programs, the means for receiving the data stream being adapted to offer at least one of the plurality of programs to individual users in the multiple dwelling facility either at a first price set by a program provider or at a second price set by the means for receiving the data stream; and

means for providing at least a subset of the plurality of programs to individual users in the multiple dwelling facility.

15. (canceled)

16. (previously presented) The system set forth in claim 14, wherein the means for providing at least a subset of the plurality of programs to individual users in the multiple dwelling facility comprises a switch that distributes the at least a subset of the plurality of programs to users in individual dwelling units within the multiple dwelling facility.

17. (previously presented) The system set forth in claim 14, wherein the means for providing at least a subset of the plurality of programs to individual users in the multiple dwelling facility comprises a set top box in each of the individual dwelling units within the multiple dwelling facility, each of the set top boxes being adapted to block a specific program

or permit access to the specific program depending on whether a user has met at least one predetermined condition.

18. (previously presented) The system set forth in claim 14, wherein at least one of the plurality of programs comprises a premium video channel.

19. (previously presented) The system set forth in claim 14, wherein at least one of the plurality of programs comprises a pay per view video program.

20. (previously presented) The system set forth in claim 14, wherein the means for receiving a data stream is configured to interface with a billing system that is configured to create a billing record for each of a plurality of users in the multiple dwelling facility.